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11 March 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Speech by Senator Wayne Morse in New Haven, Connecticut

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On Thursday, 7 March, the newspapers carried stories
that Senator Wayne Morse had attacked the secrecy of Government,
particularly CIA, in a speech the night before. We have checked
this speech through [   ] It was delivered at the
annual membership dinner of the United Jewish Community in New
Haven, Connecticut. In a half hour the Senator ranged over a wide
variety of subjects, including political machines, 'regionalism'
and Senate voting, foreign aid programs, Common Market countries
and DeGaulle. No text was used and no complete transcript was
taken, but on Government secrecy the Senator said approximately
as follows:

> Where did we ever get the notion that foreign policy
> belongs to the executive branch of Government? The
> executive branch has the constitutional responsibility
> for administration of the people's foreign policy, not
> for administration by secret . . . .

> One of the greatest Government reforms needed is
> the elimination of 85 per cent of the top secret labels.
> In a democracy there is no substitute for a full public
> disclosure on all levels, including the state, county,
> and local governments.

> I protest the /CIA/ because even an elected representa-
> tive cannot know what is going on in it but yet millions
> of Americans can die if CIA goes amuck. There never
> would have been a Bay of Pigs invasion if there was a
> congressional watchdog on CIA.

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